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SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT US

I. Khalid al Azm to arrive in New York 17 June

A. Azm, leader of leftist clique running
 Syria, to attend UN meeting in San
 Francisco.

A. Azm is leagued with the powerful, leftist
 Communist-infiltrated, Arab Socialist-
 Resurrectionist Party, which enjoys
 considerable support among the Syrian
 military, including Chief of Staff
 Shawkat Shuqayr. Numerous independent,
 and various unprincipled, deputies also
 support Azm. Azm bargained for and got
 Communist support in last fall's
 parliamentary elections.

B. Azm's aim is to retain sufficient
 strength in parliament to effect his
 election to the presidency. In August
 parliament will elect successor to

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C. This policy dictates his alignment with the anti-Iraqi policy of the Arab Socialists, the army high command, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and France. He is committed to signing the Egyptian-Saudi Arabian-Syrian defense pact.

D. At the same time, however, he must limit this alignment in order to avoid provoking a rightist coup. He is therefore bargaining hard and delaying the pact in an attempt to make it acceptable at home.

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